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(1) Emergency tree-planting.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. EAGLE. I. 9/24. \* \* \* Emergency relief and long-range planning are both needed, but the two should not be confused. (849614)

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(2) Passing judgment on the New Deal.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 9/26. \* \* \* Few, indeed, are satisfied with present conditions, which in some respects, notably with regard to winter relief, promise to be worse, not better. Judged by what the public was led to believe it would do, the New Deal is a failure. Yet no one would go back to the early part of last year, and it must be conceded that the Country has come a long way up from the depths. Some of this, no doubt, is natural come-back, and would have occurred anyway. The Administration will, of course, claim credit for all of it. The final accounts are not yet cast up. The New Deal is going on--but whither? (15535\*)

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(3) Will experimentation never cease?

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 9/27. \* \* \* Business would undoubtedly be stimulated, were the President to draw a line marking the ultimate in effort to overcome fundamental law, beyond which no new adventure would be tried. For in all the confusion of plan and purpose, much of it entered upon only to be repudiated later by its sponsors, no need is so apparent as confidence. The simple assurance that no new business-unsettling ventures are to be tried, would put the Country far along the road to normal prosperity. (15546\*)

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(4) The President's popularity.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMAN. D. 9/27. There is undoubtedly a rising tide of criticism against some of President Roosevelt's policies, but the President himself apparently remains as popular as ever. \* \* \* When President Roosevelt embarked upon his program of relief and reform he made a master stroke of both shrewdness and wisdom. He frankly declared that the untried plans upon which his Administration was entering were experimental in nature, and that if any of them proved unwise he would be the first to make acknowledgment. He thus disarmed criticism at the very start, with the result that both Congress and the people went along with him with practical unanimity for a long period. (15548\*)

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(5) Emergency undefined.

TROY, N.Y. RECORD. I. 9/27. \* \* \* The President and the courts still have to decide when the present national emergency is over. The general public awaits the answer with considerable eagerness. (849838)

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(6) The future of crop control.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 9/26. \* \* \* The boiling mass is beginning to settle into molds of public opinion that take these two forms: (a) All recovery effort was for emergency. It should pass wholly, as the Country gets back to normal footing. (b) Experience gained should be structural material



for permanent effort, with the extreme and impractical discarded and that of proved beneficent effect retained. \* \* \* The American Farm Bureau Federation, one of the first influential organizations to speak, will ask Congress to simplify crop control efforts. It will seek retention of the processing tax and strengthening of distribution control and marketing agreement provisions of the A. A. A., a co-ordinated plan for land utilization, and greater control of all plans by farmers themselves. Most interesting and entirely sound, if the Country is to have permanent agricultural control, is the desire for greater flexibility. (15541\*)

(1) Seeing a light, maybe.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. IR. 9/24. John Russel, farm editor of the Des Moines REGISTER, and one of Iowa's best informed writers on agricultural subjects, says the high officials of AAA are disposed to lean more on the actual dirt farmers for advice than heretofore. \* \* \* The TRIBUNE has said, that the statisticians and swivel chair brigade have been thoroughly discredited in the conduct of the 1934 campaign and that the principle of farmer control and direction has been vindicated by their record. For the good of the A.A.A. program and the Administration generally, the TRIBUNE hopes Mr. Russell has the right information. We do not want to see the mistakes of 1934 repeated. \* \* \* From observing the comparative results obtained from theory and practicability, this newspaper is convinced that farmers know better than professors and statisticians what they want to do and how to do it. This newspaper believes firmly in the principle of A.A.A., crop control, processing tax and all, and would like to see every farmer cooperating to carry out the program. But, so long as it is a farmer's program it should be devised by farmers and administered by farmers. (848853)

Editorials - Pro

(2) The brighter outlook for the farm.

TOPEKA, KAN. CAPITAL. R. 9/20. \* \* \* Agricultural and livestock parity seems to be in sight after years of disparity at the expense of the farm. (847127)

(3) A.A.A. and objectors.

NEW ORLEANS TRIBUNE. ID. 9/19. \* \* \* It is not so much the farmer who is objecting to the A.A.A., but those interests which resent seeing him receive a subsidy. That makes much of the furore about the "menace" of agricultural policy easy to understand. (15543\*)

(4) Farm cooperatives.

RICE NEWS. Lake Charles, La. (1/1934. When it comes to helping the farmer, the government can pursue no more effective course than to work with and for the farmer owned and controlled cooperative associations. \* \* \* It is an encouraging fact that the Federal Government is constantly seeking to strengthen the position of the cooperatives. Cooperative leaders have been freely consulted when farm legislation and policies were being considered. The fine progress the co-ops have made during depression, in the face of great obstacles, is the most encouraging sign on the agricultural horizon. (15543\*)



Editorials - Con

- (1) The A.A.A. also may be overhauled.

WICHITA BEACON. I. 9/27. \* \* \* Many are becoming gradually convinced that the great N.R.A. is not the only vast governmental agency in need of repairs or reconstruction. The President, in his wisdom, may presently see fit to revise the A.A.A., from the brain-trusters on top, down to the foundations of a structure that has the appearance of being about to topple over by reason of its huge and unevenly distributed weight and lack of balanced principles on which it has been built. (15547\*)

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- (2) Farm compulsion is failing.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 9/26. \* \* \* So there is the open question as to whether the injustices to the little fellow are to be eliminated and the further question as to whether, in view of weather and other conditions wholly beyond control, a farm compulsion plan can be made to work satisfactorily in its year, or any other year. There is a lesson in the situation that can be ignored only at tremendous cost. (849766)

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- (3) Nature balks again.

WILKES-BARR, PA. RECORD. IR. 9/26. \* \* \* Planned economy has been having an awful tussle with Nature. But experience is a good teacher and perhaps after a while, somebody will learn how to grow the nation's crops from an office in Washington. (849765)

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- (4) Clarification of opposing ideas viewed as big need of America.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 9/19. (By Mark Sullivan) Mark Sullivan says conflict is not even a class struggle; points out necessity of preserving system of opportunity for all. (15540\*)

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- (5) Business interference in Government.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 10/3. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has scored business for its interference in Government, but he has no monopoly on that kind of resentment. Business isn't quite crazy about the Government's interference with it. (15547\*)

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- (6) Higher prices for food.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 9/27. \* \* \* And the processing taxes, you know, were levied solely to support the A.A.A.'s campaign to destroy farm production potentialities--reduction of acreage. They are class taxes, which, according to the humanitarians, will affect most immediately the indigent and those in the low-income brackets. (15545\*)

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- (7) The tree belt fades.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 9/26. \* \* \* Now sure enough our worst fears are realized and the Administration is represented as having cooled off on the project, and as having welcomed Comptroller McCarl's hard-boiled ruling that no funds were available. But anyway it was a swell idea while it lasted. (850148)

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- (1) Tree belt no emergency measure.

DES MOINES REGISTER. I. 9/26. \* \* \* Comptroller McCarl is apparently not disputing the possible worthwhileness of the tree belt. He is objecting to the allocation of emergency funds for a long-range project offering no immediate results. If we are going to put 75 million dollars into the tree belt, or even the 10 million dollars thus far put to work, let us call it by its right name and appropriate it for what it is. (850146)

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- (2) The proposed tree belt.

ELIZABETH, N.J. JOURNAL. R. 9/27. \* \* \* Plainly speaking, Americans generally may be excused for being sceptical over the practicability of the proposed tree-belt plan, which seems to be another gigantic illusion of the Brain Trust. (850145)

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- (3) That tree belt.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN. D. 9/29. \* \* \* We like to go along with the Administration whenever we can, but when we contemplate the enormous amount of public funds which would ultimately be expended in this colossal adventure and the more than doubtful results that would flow from it in modifying the climate to any appreciable degree, we feel that it is, to say the least, impracticable. \* \* \* Scientists, and meteorologists in particular, seem absolutely in agreement that such a belt of trees, even when fully grown, would have little or negligible effect upon climate in general or rainfall in particular. There is no doubt about one thing, though, it would make that 100 by 1,000 mile area of our country safe for Democracy for many years to come! (15549\*)

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#### News Columns

- (4) Emergency functions of A.A.A. over.

MONTANA STANDARD. D. 10/1. With "kill-a-pig" days passed, organization is ready to operate on a permanent basis. (15548\*)

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- (5) Europe adopts co-op policy.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 9/17. (By I. H. Hull, manager of Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn.) English and Danish societies prove soundness of movement. (15544\*)

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#### News Columns - Pro

- (6) Farmer to get added control over markets.

CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 9/19. Co-operative movement holds great promise. (15541\*)

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- (7) Farm prosperity showing revival on Pacific Coast.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 9/24. (San Francisco) (15546\*)

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- (1) Cash is pouring into farm areas; incomes boosted.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. ARGUS-LEADER. IR. 9/21. Frederick E. Murphy, authority on northwestern agriculture, American delegate to recent international wheat conferences, and publisher of the MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE said, \* \* \* "You must remember that the farmer is farming cheaper than ever before. He has greatly reduced his costs in recent years, and the cash that he gets now means more purchasing power than before. Of course, complete recovery has not yet come to the farm states but the record is something to make the country sit up and take notice." (15545\*)

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News Columns - Con

- (2) Warns farmers not to sign new crop contracts.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I. 10/1. (By Frank Ridgway) Danger of Government control stressed. (246522)

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- (3) Government and the weevil.

CHARLESTON, S. C. NEWS & COURIER. ID. 9/26. \* \* \* Government may yet prove a worse pest to the cotton farmer than ever the boll weevil was. (849377)

- (4) The Bankhead pill.

CHARLESTON, S.C. POST. ID. 9/25. \* \* \* Daily the nonsense of the whole plan is more vividly revealed, and, regardless of the A.A.A.'s fears over difficulties that might occur through abandonment of the plan, it should be abandoned at once. It will be, anyway, once the 1934 season is ended, and it should be the Government's last experiment with an effort that has failed every time and every place it has ever been tried. (849378)

- (5) Farm compulsion is failing.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 9/26. The severe strictures brought against the Bankhead compulsory cotton control plan by Representative McGugin of Kansas are not to be dismissed on the ground of mere partisanship. For in good part identical criticisms have come from southern Democrats in Congress, who were original supporters of the plan, not to mention the loud and just complaints of the small or tenant farmers of the region who are being displaced or otherwise detrimentally affected by operation of the measure. (15536\*)

- (6) Says small farmers oppose the Bankhead law.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 9/26. To the Editor of the Gazette: \* \* \* I am not a farmer and will probably get a lot of criticism for this letter, but do want to say that if the Administration will put petitions out in the country and allow the small farmer, the tenant and sharecropper to express their views they will find the Bankhead act isn't even as popular as Hoover at the last election. -- (R. L. Olwer.) (15544\*)



- (1) The cotton plan in trouble.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE. I. 9/29. \* \* \* Since the compulsory control plan in cotton was considered by some as a test, looking to its wider application, this experience is of wide importance. Most of the shortcomings which have now been demonstrated in this trial were anticipated by its critics. It has required this practical test, however, to convince some persons that it is impossible to place a quota on nature and expect nature to live up to it religiously, in season and out. (15540\*)

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- (2) Four basic farm products gain over 100 percent.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 9/26. Wheat, corn, hogs and cotton above prices two years ago. (15539\*)

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- (3) Milk code litigation looms in four states.

FOOD FIELD REPORTER, New York. 9/24. A.A.A. policies challenged in California, Oklahoma; local control under fire as well. (15542\*)

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- (4) Cattlemen are stirred up over buying program.

LONG BEACH, CAL. PRESS TELEGRAM. R. 9/22. Leaders in the cattle industry are concerned over the huge purchases of cattle being made by the Federal Government in the drought relief program. (243437)

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- (5) Says corn-hog vote 'sham'.

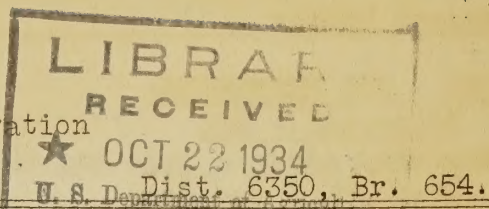
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD. I. 9/28. Farmers Union fights combined corn-hog program for 1935. (15537\*)

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(1) The farm polls.

DAYTON, O. JOURNAL. R. 9/30. \* \* \* When, it appears timely to ask, are we to have a poll of the consumers on the A.A.A. program? (850692)

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(2) Getting it out of politics.

ROCKFORD, ILL. STAR. R. 9/29. \* \* \* Out of the secret ballots being taken by farmers through the country a clearer conception of what the farmer wants will be gained. It is suggested that he would like more local control and less Washington bureaucracy. And, as a matter of fact, the local organizations of the A.A.A. have been extremely effective and responsible. Perhaps this is the important qualification A.A.A. needs. \* \* \* At any rate, the farmers' ballot will take the whole issue out of partisanship and place the debate upon an economic basis. (850693)

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(3) The defect of the administration.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. POST STANDARD. R. 10/4. \* \* \* Secretary Wallace has written a straightforward and interesting book. It is well worth the reading. It reveals much of the thoughts and beliefs of those in office at Washington. But it also reveals the great lack of an all-embracing philosophy. (853626)

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(4) Political turn to right in U.S. and great trade upturn called likely if Sinclair is defeated.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 9/23. Mark Sullivan believes result in California will influence Nation's future more than any other contest this year; Socialist rout might warn New Dealers and restore business confidence. (15553\*)

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(5) Cooperation.

DENVER POST. I. 10/5. The farmers of Colorado doubtless have taken notice also of the alteration in the high and mighty attitude of the agricultural recovery administration. Roosevelt apparently has told all the theorists to begin dealing in facts, and to get their facts FROM THE PEOPLE. The A.A.A. is taking a referendum in Iowa on the continuation of crop control. That's mighty smart politics and it is intelligent government. Just as soon as the people of this country are sure that the idea of compulsion and coercion and force has given way at Washington to the idea of cooperation, the national administration will find a new spirit abroad in the land, on the farms as well as in the factories and stores. (15578\*)

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(6) Dictatorship in the Dominion.

LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 10/1. Enemies and critics of the Administration at Washington who have been uttering piercing cries of "dictatorship!" and "bureaucracy" should have to live under Canada's Natural Products Marketing Act of 1934. This law gives the Bennett Government far greater powers than anyone at Washington ever dreamed of. Under it, the Prime Minister, if he desires may become actual dictator over all products of soil, forest, or waters of the Dominion, both as to production and marketing. (15577\*)

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Editorials - Pro

(1) New Dealers reported trying to effect a mutual better understanding with business.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 10/8. (By Paul Mallon) There can be no doubt about the confidential efforts now being made by the most prominent New Dealers to effect a mutual better understanding with business. (15581\*)

(2) Farmers and business.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/4. Most business men realize the importance of farmer buying power, but many have only a vague notion of the extent to which farmer buying power was diminished between 1926 and 1933. \* \* \* The road to full recovery is a long, long road and full of obstructions. The shortest and smoothest route seems to be for every farmer and every business man to stand solidly behind A.A.A. until the goal is reached. (15558\*)

(3) The important point.

FT. WORTH, TEX. STAR-TELEGRAM. ID. 9/30. \* \* \* The great majority of farmers have no complaint of the Government "running their business." \* \* \* It is a contract, voluntary, not coercive. If it should ever become coercive the courts would have something to say about the farmer's constitutional right to run his own business. (851326)

(4) A.A.A. pays its way.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/9. \* \* \* Income from processing taxes up to this time is estimated at \$495,000,000 while expenditures amount to about \$430,000,000. Thus, collections now are running about \$65,000,000 ahead of expenditures. \* \* \* This is not a bonus. It is not a bribe. It is not depriving anybody of food. It represents economic justice for American farmers who must pay high tariffs on every item of industrial products they purchase. Yet, today, we find thousands of farmers moving against the continuation of this program! By what line of reason do they arrive at the conclusion that such a program is bad for them? It is the first time in all history that agriculture ever was given anything like an equal break with industry. (15586\*)

(5) No farm strike.

OMAHA, NEB. WORLD-HERALD. I. 9/27. \* \* \* Farm strikes have at no time had more than a handful of active participants. But they have had some degree of sympathy. The omens at the present time indicate that one would have less than a handful of participants and precious little sympathy at all. (851332)

(6) Agriculture vs. industry.

HOOSIER FARMER, Indianapolis. Sept. 1934. A goodly portion of the press seems to get great satisfaction in panning the A.A.A. and its Administration. \* \* \* Orders for farm machinery, paint, lumber, cement, clothing and what not failed to come in. Therefore the owners of industrial plants said, "Orders are not here, consequently we will have to dispense with your services." \* \* \* What difference is there between the problems of agriculture and industry? Not one particle! People need food and clothing! People need the necessities that make up a comfortable home! The only difference between the two programs is



that big industry closed shop and let out millions to get along as best they could and agriculture desires only to reduce production to the point where a surplus will not exist. (15556\*)

(1) An insult to farmers.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/5. It is about time somebody called the hand of column writers like Paul Mallon and editors like the pilot of the SIOUX CITY JOURNAL who insinuate that corn-hog checks now going to millions of farmers constitute political bribes. The despicable Senator Dickinson has openly called them that. \* \* \* The farmers who are receiving these checks are being paid for performance of their part of a contract into which they entered with the Government. They have earned every dime which they have received or will receive. \* \* \* It is about time for columnists and newspapers to quit insulting farmers and give them some actual support. Moral backing isn't enough. When a newspaper professes it is "for the farmer" and then casts aspersions on the efforts of farmers to help themselves, its professions are entitled to be taken with a grain of salt. \* \* \* Instead of ridiculing the honest efforts of the Government and the farmers to establish economic justice and price parity for agriculture, every middle-western newspaper and every middle-western citizen, regardless of politics, should applaud the effort and be thankful for their individual share of the benefits received. (15560\*)

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Editorials - Con

(2) Killing our foreign trade.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 10/4. \* \* \* We can not add to the national wealth by destroying crops and limiting ourselves to producing only what may be sold at home at high prices. (853129)

(3) Crop control boomerang.

TROY, N. Y. TIMES. R. 10/2. \* \* \* The fact that the American farmers have been reducing their production while the farmers of other nations have been increasing theirs may return in future years to plague America when they find their foreign markets superseded by the products of other nations. (851834)

(4) Tree belt strikes a snag.

BANGOR, ME. NEWS. I. 10/1. \* \* \* The wasting of \$75,000,000 would be a mere nothing to the Administration. The "experiment" is the main thing--win or lose. (851734)

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News Columns

(5) Retail food prices highest in 3 years.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 9/26. (15559\*)



(1) Tree belt plan is not scrapped, says President.  
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 9/23. Infers McCarl ruling has only delayed project. (15552\*)

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(2) Biggest agriculture enrollment since '21 at U. of Illinois.  
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 10/7. (Urbana, Special) Signs of increased interest in agriculture are seen in the fact that the total enrollment in the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, is the largest since the fall of 1921. (15579\*)

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(3) Hoover's book hit in British press reviews.  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 9/29. (London) Belongs in category of what Americans call campaign literature 'TIMES' says. (15555\*)

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(4) 28,000 farm hands out of jobs in Britain.  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 10/8. (London, Oct. 7. UP) (15580\*)

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News Columns - Pro

(5) Dealers in farms report large sale.  
MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 9/30. \* \* \* Sharp upward trends in farm values were predicted because of increased values of farm products. (248259)

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(6) State farm prices rise consistently during last month.  
BUTTE, MONTANA STANDARD. D. 10/7. (Helena, AP) Wheat, corn, oats, barley, hay, hogs and dairy products gain. Montana agriculturists are enjoying the almost novel experience of increased prices for their products. (15569\*)

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(7) Grange head for Wallace.  
SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/9. (Manchester, AP) \* \* \* High praise was accorded Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace, through whose efforts "agriculture is blazing its way out of the wilderness," by Ralph W. Smith, master of the Iowa grange at the first grange meeting here in eight years. (15585\*)

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(8) Farm buying power shows big increase.  
ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 10/6. Purchasing power of Minnesota farmers this year will far exceed last year's figures despite the drought, K. E. Olson of the University of Minnesota, said, disclosing the results of a survey made for Northwest daily newspapers. Crop values rise as business activity gains, survey discloses. (15582\*)

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(9) Discount fears of A.A.A. as peril to farm liberty.  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I. 10/6. (By Frank Ridgway) Illinois group defends regimentation. (250375)

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News Columns - Con

(1) Farm debt law tested.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 10/8. Risk companies challenge Frazier-Lemke act in U.S. Court. (15564\*)

(2) Farmers tire of A.A.A. Rule.

NEW YORK SUN. I. 10/9. (Dodge City, Kan.) "Let us alone," is cry of wheat growers. Kansas sentiment growing. Less supervision and more help in practical way asked. (15573\*)

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CORN - HOG REFERENDUM

Editorial - Con

(3) Surprising adverse corn-hog vote.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 10/8. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration must have been somewhat disappointed over first returns from the corn-hog vote now being taken. These carried too small a portion of the 1,100,000 ballots sent to farmers asking if they favored plan continuance, to be sufficiently indicative. True, the vote was an indorsement. But a mere majority desire is not enough for the fortifying effect A.A.A. wants, when it goes before Congress. A two to one vote, indeed, would scarcely suffice. (15565\*)

News Columns - Pro

(4) A.A.A. boosts gains in Ohio balloting.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ID. 10/9. (Columbus, AP) Vote in 45 counties shows strong margin for crop control program. (15575\*)

(5) Farmers voting approval of A.A.A. corn-hog program.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 10/10. (Chicago, AP) Desire to continue production control for another year shown by majority of 275,000 casting ballots in Middle West. (15574\*)

(6) Farmers backing corn-hog plan.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 10/10. (Chicago, AP) Early returns from Western vote show majority for continuing program a year. Tabulations so far represent a third of the 817,000 who signed 1934 contracts. (15572\*)

(7) Vote runs 3 to 1 for corn-hog plan.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE. I. 10/8. Votes reported thus far in the corn-hog referendum in Minnesota have been at the rate of nearly 3 to 1 in favor of continuing the corn-hog production control program through 1935. (15566\*)

(8) Corn-hog program approved in poll.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 10/10. (Chicago, AP) The American farmer's



stamp of approval on the Agricultural Administration's corn-hog program was indicated by early returns from nearly 275,000 voters in the Middle West. (15563\*)

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- (1) Iowa 2 to 1 for corn-hog plan.

CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 10/9. (Des Moines, AP) (15576\*)

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- (2) '36 corn-hog plan favored.

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 10/9. (By J. S. Russell, Tribune Farm Editor.) Margin smaller than for '35 though. Iowa farmers are favoring a corn-hog program for 1936 as well as in 1935, latest returns on the voting in the A.A.A. nationwide referendum shows. (15562\*)

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- (3) Farmers cast 72 percent yes vote.

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 10/8. (J. S. Russell.) Iowa farmers are indicating their preference for a corn-hog program in 1935 by a 72 percent affirmative vote of contract signers and for a blanket farm adjustment contract for 1936 by an affirmative vote of only 53 percent. (15572\*)

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- (4) Minnesota for corn-hog plan.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/9. (St. Paul, AP) Incomplete returns show 13,000 for and 4,700 against. (15587\*)

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News Columns - Con

- (5) Kansas rejects corn-hog plan.

EMPORIA GAZETTE. D. 10/8. (Manhattan, AP) Western Kansas favors 1935 adjustment program but Southeast area casts heavy negative vote. (15583\*)

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- (6) Farmers vote approval of corn-hog plan.

CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 10/10. Kansas only state in nine that defeats proposal; one-contract offer defeated. (15584\*)

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- (7) Result of A.A.A. vote doubtful.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 10/8. Favorable majority of but 674 is shown in returns to date. Outcome of the corn-hog program referendum in Nebraska remained in doubt when incomplete returns from 40 of 93 counties showed a balance of but 674 votes in favor of a plan in 1935 out of 24,422 ballots reported. The 1936 blanket plan proposal was overwhelmingly rejected by a 12,126 to 6,646 vote. The tally made at state A.A.A. headquarters included only votes of contract signers. (15570\*)



## C O T T O N

### Editorial - Pro

- (1) 90 percent of dirt farmers want cotton control.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 10/4. (To the Editor of the Gazette:) There seems to be quite a bit of propaganda against the cotton control act of the A.A.A. If these men are really dirt farmers (and I don't believe they are), they are using very poor judgment in fighting cotton control. \* \* \* So, Mr. Farmer, use your head before condemning the act that means more to the South than any one thing that has ever happened. Stick together and work for the betterment of the cotton farmer and forget about raising 10 bales and hoping your neighbor can raise only two. I raised only two this season. (T. C. Harty, Conway, Ark.) (15557\*)

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### Editorials - Con

- (2) Diluting the Bankhead bill.

EVANSVILLE, IND. COURIER. I. 9/28. \* \* \* To use Government in creating good prices for an agricultural commodity and then limit the benefits to certain farmers would bring up greater problems than those which explain the origin of this abortive program. (851314)

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- (3) Vanishing cotton.

PORTLAND OREGONIAN. IR. 9/30. \* \* \* Cotton exports this fall are only half of what they were even a year ago, and if there is to be an end to the process of destruction it had better come soon. Otherwise there will be nothing of the former world trade to salvage. (852404)

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- (4) Economic suicide.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. ARGUS LEADER. IR. 9/26. Curtailment of production in the United States in various farm products is a direct invitation to other nations to expand their acreages. This applies particularly to cotton. \* \* \* Secy Hull of the President's cabinet said a few days ago that we are adopting some policies that are leading toward economic suicide. We should heed what he has to say on this question. (851320)

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- (5) Foreign cotton expansion.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 10/3. \* \* \* In former years foreign cotton expansion came in spurts of short duration, ending when the Southern states grew compensatingly larger crops. The present trend may turn out to be permanent if the present American restriction policy is to be continued. (852405)

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- (6) A cotton comic opera.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. SENTINEL. I. 10/1. \* \* \* So the statesmen who invented the measure are now running around in circles trying to find some way to kill their brainchild before it ruins all those they sought to help. There is opportunity in Washington for comic opera librettists. There seems to be opportunity also for some common sense ideas in Congress. (851318)

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## (1) A full referendum.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. ID. 9/28. \* \* \* It is reasonably sure that the President will insist that provision be made for all the cotton farmers to cast their vote on the proposal to extend the life of the Bankhead act for another year. In view of the protests piling in from all parts of the South, he will not be satisfied again with "a cross section of opinion" of the cotton-growing South. (850688)

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MISCELLANEOUS COMMODITIESEditorial

## (2) Too many peanuts?

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 10/3. It will be difficult for peanut enthusiasts to believe there could possibly be an oversupply of their favorite delicacy, but the A.A.A. has ruled otherwise by imposing a processing tax on goobers as a basic commodity. \* \* \* The tax is probably the only way out; what we really need, though, is not fewer peanuts but more circuses and more baseball fans and more elephants. (15549\*)

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Editorials - Pro

## (3) Better hog price plan.

SIoux CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/8. Whether material progress has been made or not, this newspaper does not attempt to say, but information comes from Washington that Government is negotiating with the packers to establish a new basis for pricing hogs. Under this plan, as we understand it, the selling price of corn would determine the selling price of hogs. Such a plan, of course, necessarily contemplates controlled production. Production would be restricted to consumptive demand. \* \* \* All of which points to the importance of continuing A.A.A. and a full sign-up of the 1935 control program. The farmers must first set their own house in order before they can deal with the packers on this kind of basis. A full signup of the control contracts looks to this newspaper like the shortest cut to stable profits for both hog producers and packers. (15567\*)

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## (4) Tobacco recovery.

EMPORIA, KANS. GAZETTE. D. 10/9. Though finding the general business conditions during the third quarter of 1934 disappointing, "Business Week" takes pleasure in reporting prosperity along the tobacco road. (15561\*)

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News Column - Pro

## (5) Futures trading in citrus fruits to help growers.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 10/8. (New York, AP) New York produce exchange preparing to stabilize market. Stabilization of the citrus fruit market is the goal of the New York Produce Exchange, which plans to launch trading in that commodity for future delivery. (15568\*)

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AAA - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) Farm Act invalid?

BAYONNE, N.J. TIMES. ID. 10/8 \* \* \* The Act may be knocked out by the court ruling, but the pressure of the debt load remains. (854398)

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(2) The load is no lighter.

PORTLAND, MAINE NEWS. I. 10/5. \* \* \* And so, though the Act itself may be smashed by the Baltimore court decision, there will still remain the question of what to do for the mortgage-ridden producer of the nation's foodstuffs. (854397)

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(3) Improved farm status.

BUTTE, MONTANA STANDARD. D. 10/14. \* \* \* The Nation has an increased sense of well-being whenever the farm picture reflects added security for the agricultural industry. Yet it is hardly fitting that we should now congratulate ourselves on our ingenuity at maneuvering the farmers into a condition of prosperity. \* \* \* Any sane-thinking person knows that the necessity for widespread relief and accomplished prosperity do not go hand in hand. There seems little doubt that the farmer is momentarily on a more favorable footing, but before he can tear up mortgages all industrial activity must be placed upon more stable foundations. (15620\*)

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(4) Farm community banking.

BISMARCK, N.D. TRIBUNE. I. 10/9. Farm community banking - not the least interesting of the present credit associations whereby farmers, with the assistance of the government, will attempt to direct their own financial affairs as a community proposition. \* \* \* Under the old land bank set-up many local associations were formed for the purpose of bringing its service to the farmers. Most of these elected politicians or quasi-politicians as leaders. These milked the associations dry and then permitted them to become moribund. \* \* \* It is one thing to demand home rule, another to show enough activity to keep that home rule alive. (855639)

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(5) Paying for the drouth.

TOPEKA, KAN. CAPITAL. R. 10/6. \* \* \* "The Government already has shouldered a gigantic burden in attempting to cope with the effects of prolonged depression. The task now is aggravated as the country attempts to supply relief and pay for the drouth." (854434)

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(6) Get farmers to fight each other.

WALLACE FARMER, Des Moines, Ia. 10/13. The old game of destroying the farm program by getting the farmers to fight each other is being tried again this fall. \* \* \* The same crowd that fought the McNary-Haugen bill, that has fought grain and stock exchange regulations, that fought the Honest Dollar, is out to destroy the Agricultural Adjustment Act and put the farmer back where he was in 1932. And they think that one good way to do this is to get farmers suspicious and jealous of each other. \* \* \* And, probably,



if the plan of attack works and farm solidarity is broken down, the same gang will say: "There's no use trying to do anything for farmers. They just won't stick together." (15607\*)

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(1) Sticking to their line.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 10/10. One of the wild--and untrue--stories circulated about A.A.A. is that the state corn-hog set-up officials are sponsoring propaganda in favor of direct selling of livestock. \* \* \* It is difficult to trace the source or authority for such stories. Through ignorance or design, false reports of this kind might serve to undermine the work of the committee in charge of A.A.A. (15608\*)

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Editorials - Pro

(2) "New Frontiers"

FLINT, MICH. JOURNAL. I. 10/7. Among the books on public affairs which are flooding onto the reader's shelves these days, "New Frontiers" by Henry A. Wallace, secy of agri., will attract a great deal of attention because of its exposition of the views of one of the leading New Dealers. \* \* \* "New Frontiers" is full of ideas, well written. (854765)

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(3) Coerced into wisdom's ways.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. OBSERVER. ID. 10/6. North Carolina cotton and tobacco farmers have found wisdom's ways, even though they may have had to be coerced into them. Records show that the lands they retired from cotton and tobacco culture under governmental compulsions have been put to profitable use in being planted to feed and soil-building crops. (853935)

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(4) How goes the West?

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. REPUBLICAN. I. 10/8. \* \* \* The fly in the ointment for Western agrarian interests until recently has been that the prices of manufactured goods that farmers buy have risen too fast. \* \* \* For the present, however, the set-up all the way from corn-hog benefit payments to the general commodity price structure seems politically favorable to the Administration in the great Western granary states. (854413)

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(5) Meeting their debts.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 10/6. The growth of improvement in the economic condition of agriculture is reflected in the August report of the governor of the farm credit administration. Interest payments on land bank commissioner loans had increased in that month by 2.2 per cent over the July record. (854399)

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Editorial - Con

- (1) Wallace has doubts.

SPOKANE, WASH. SPOKESMAN REVIEW. IR. 10/5. \* \* \* The upshot of Secy Wallace's publication is that, if existing experiments under the New Deal, or the entire New Deal itself, disappoint the hopes of their sponsors, then the country ought to plunge into new experiments. (854764)

News Columns

- (2) A.A.A. near peak of its possibilities.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 10/14. Farm income improvement declared subject to industrial recovery. (15619\*)

- (3) "But Kansas forges on"

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 10/13. Landon tells of progress, despite drought and depression. (15605\*)

- (4) Favor A.A.A. as an emergency.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 10/12. But Nebraska grange is opposed to tree shelter belt. (15606\*)

- (5) Farmers organize and demand candidates pledge their help.

DENVER POST. I. 10/1. (Chicago, UP) Million already enlisted in campaign to back up their policies with votes--written promises to be sought. American farmers are organizing for political gains, just as the American Legion and union labor successfully have done, Edward A. O'Neal, pres. of the American Farm Bureau federation, announced. (15595\*)

- (6) Farm areas irked by regimentation.

NEW YORK SUN. I. 9/29. But producers are loath to drop easy cash. (15598\*)

News Columns - Pro

- (7) Farmers firm for Roosevelt, despite G.O.P.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 10/1. Cry of "regimentation" fails to stir West; New Deal stands test; gaining strength. (15597\*)

- (8) Illinois farmers back New Deal.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ID. 10/16. (15617\*)

- (9) State farmers feel force of gain in prices.

JACKSON, MISS. CLARION LEDGER. D. 10/9. Average income has nearly trebled, much yet to be done. (253279)



- (1) Uncle Sam is being repaid.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. JOURNAL. ID. 10/8. Hastings farmers return money to Government. Farmers of Hastings already have repaid more than 95 per cent of the loans made to them. (252686)

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- (2) Farm outlook best in years.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 10/9. Check shows income highest since 1930 with gains likely. Additional proof that the Midwestern farm country, including Nebraska, is enjoying its best year since 1930 comes from the division of commercial research of the Curtis Publishing Company. (253278)

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- (3) Food price trend cheers grain men.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 10/1. Prospects are for increases with general enlargement of business, trade holds. (15596\*)

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News Columns - Con

- (4) Delinquent farm taxes increasing.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 10/4. (15610\*)

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- (5) Belief in New Deal seen as fast waning.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 10/7. Many Democrats in Maryland, once enthusiastic, are beginning to feel grave apprehension. (15618\*)

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- (6) New Deal branded outrage to farmers.

DENVER POST. I. 9/29. Tramps have been treated better by Government than Western cattlemen under A.A.A. provisions, G.O.P. committee charges. (15593\*)

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- (7) Burocrats trick those who sell drought cattle.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 10/2. (By Frank Ridgway) Farmers sign up to stay under thumb of A.A.A. (15612\*)

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- (8) New Deal meat packing plant goes in the red.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 9/27. (By Percy Wood) (Des Moines, Ia.) Unauthorized U.S. loan is still unpaid. (15600\*)

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R E F E R E N D U M

Editorials

- (9) A thankless task.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 10/14. \* \* \* The vote now being taken in



the Midwestern states plainly reveals that an unfortunately large proportion of farmers are prone to object to immaterial factors even when they are, as a group, receiving widespread and definite benefits. It is an unfortunate trait that has done more than anything else to restrict farm prosperity in the United States. (15615\*)

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(1) Government and the farmers.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 10/11. \* \* \* But while farmers can not doubt the desire of government to help them out, they are now apparently opposed in Kansas to further experimenting with the processing project and acreage curtailment. The one-contract plan for all products concerned is particularly obnoxious to the voting farmers. \* \* \* No grounds exists for questioning the sincerity of efforts of the government to come to the aid of agriculture, notwithstanding that its various projects have not been entirely effectual. It has denied farmers as represented by their farm organizations nothing they have asked. Now farmers themselves may have reached the conclusion that the government is at the end of its resources of measures calculated to improve their situation. \* \* \* But for the drought no doubt the vote would have shown a good majority for continuing the processing scheme in this state, as in states outside the drought area. From the vote over the whole farm area, the processing plan will probably be continued for another year. (15589\*)

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(2) Corn-hog balloting.

WORCESTER, MASS. TELEGRAM. R. 10/10. \* \* \* But neither will a yes-vote in the referendum really prove the program's soundness. Eventually the A.A.A. must please not only the farmers but the consumers and taxpayers in general. (855607)

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(3) Corn and hog prices.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. JOURNAL. I. 10/9. \* \* \* It seems imperative that the balance between corn and hogs be restored as early as possible. (854426)

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Editorials - Pro

(4) Corn-hog referendum.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 10/1. \* \* \* Now that the question of who is to run the show, the farmers or the bureaucrats, has been settled in favor of the farmers, the TRIBUNE unhesitatingly recommends that every farmer vote "yes" in the referendum now under way and that each should cooperate fully with the A.A.A. program in 1935. (851836)

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(5) The benefit of crop control.

E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. JOURNAL. I. 10/7. \* \* \* The farmer who has his own welfare at heart will vote in favor of continuance of the Administration's crop adjustment plans. (854403)

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## (1) "Corn-hog referendum"

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 10/10. \* \* \* These returns from the Corn Belt certainly do not indicate any formidable farm revolt against the Federal farm relief plan--but rather a strongly favoring sentiment for the specific test feature submitted--the corn-hog program against which the Republicans have been training their heaviest artillery. (855952)

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## (2) Learning to look ahead.

WALLACE FARMER, Des Moines, Ia. 10/13. \* \* \* In the past, it has always been true that farmers have been inclined to make their plans on the basis of current prices. The result, as everybody knows, has been disappointment. The farmer who increased his corn acreage to take advantage of high corn prices found that all production had increased, and that he had to sell on a low market. The same thing happened in hogs. \* \* \* It is a tribute to the cooperative spirit and knowledge of facts of corn belt producers that so many have voted to continue adjustment in 1935. They have learned to look ahead.. (15590\*)

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Editorials - Con

## (3) The pried pipers of Washington.

TULSA, OKLA. TRIBUNE. ID. 10/4. No bigger farce has ever been staged in American politics than the New Dealers' methods of determining "the will of the people." \* \* \* The farm referendum is typical of the methods by which the Roosevelt Administration is attempting to force all classes to support the candidates who will proceed with "the revolution." (854414)

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## (4) An A.A.A. triumph.

LOS ANGELES TIMES. IR. 10/11. The A.A.A. hails as a victory and a vindication of its policies the overwhelming vote of Midwest farmers for continuation of the corn-hog program--which means a continuation of the plan of paying farmers for not-raising hogs and corns. One wonders what result the A.A.A. expected. What would be the vote in a kindergarten on the question of free distribution of candy? (15614\*)

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## (5) A jolt from Kansas.

TOPEKA, KANS. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 10/10. \* \* \* It seems likely that further reverberations are to be expected from the corn-hog vote. Only Kansas has voted against it, reports indicate. It was a jolt for Secy Wallace and the Administration whatever the explanation which may be made. (855953)

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## (6) Coming home to roost.

AKRON, O. BEACON JOURNAL. R. 10/6. \* \* \* The processing taxes imposed to pay a billion dollars in subsidies to the farm belt are coming back to the consumers in the form of higher cost of living. The chief-



tains in the farm relief division are taking a referendum from the wrong crowd when it asks the beneficiaries of these gratuities to vote on extension of the corn-hog and other fantastic relief programs. They should let consumers who have to do the paying do a little incidental voting. (853938)

(1) Kansas goes independent.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 10/12. The A.A.A. in Washington is wondering at the opposition of Eastern Kansas farmers to the corn-hog program. There is call for an explanation when the balloting shows such different results in Kansas from those shown in Iowa and Missouri. \* \* \* Finally, these irritations came to farmers who have a long tradition of independence. Perhaps the dislike of government intervention would not have come to the surface had it not been for the other irritating factors. But a member of the STAR'S staff, talking with farmers in Eastern Kansas, repeatedly heard resentment expressed over loss of independence. "I wouldn't like the corn-hog contract even if I thought it was good," was the way one man put it. This is not an argument, but it expresses an emotion. And emotions often determine conduct. (15603\*)

(2) Why Kansas voted hog-corn plan down.

WICHITA BEACON. I. 10/12. What's the matter with Kansas? is the issue that worries the great A.A.A. The A.A.A. can't understand why Kansas, alone among the states has joted down the corn-hog program which was designed to lift the farmer by his bootstraps out of the slough of his despond. \* \* \* In the first place, he might be told, the Kansas farmer is an independent soul, who doesn't care to sell himself into economic bondage for a cup of pottage in the disguise of federal aid. He might also be informed that that which may be good for Iowa is not necessarily acceptable to the Sunflower state. He would be advised that a scheme that benefits Iowa corn growers at the expense of hog producers and wheat farmers of Kansas makes no hit with the latter who believe a square deal should benefit all concerned. \* \* \* And it might also be called to mind that the defunct Federal farm board of pathetic memory was first opposed in Kansas as unsound, illogical and of value to none, at a time when every other state in the union was shouting the praises of a governmental agency that squandered a half-billion dollars in jig time. Kansas never changed its mind on the farm board, but every other state in the union did, coming over to the Sunflower point of view. Kansas for once was in step and the other 47 states were out. It is suggested that the fate of the Federal farm board may yet be met by the hog-corn program of the A.A.A. (15601\*)

News Column

(3) Corn belt splits on New Deal plan.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 10/14. Referendum on 1935 corn-hog program showed a lack of solidarity. Iowa endorsed control. But there, as in Nebraska, there is feeling farm relief has gone far enough. (254624)

News Column - Pro

- (1) Keep production under control, farmers say.  
THE PRAIRIE FARMER, Chicago, Ill. 10/13. Illinois farmers vote 3 to 1 for adjustment program in 1935. (15616\*)

News Column -Con

- (2) Simmons charges A.A.A. disfranchised non-corn signers.  
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 10/11. (Utica, Neb. AP) Robert G. Simmons, Republican nominee for the United States Senate, charged the A.A.A. "disfranchised" farmers who didn't sign corn-hog contracts this year and threw their ballots out in tabulating the recent referendum on the program "in order to make it appear that the farmers of this state favor a continuation of the corn-hog program and the processing taxes." \* \* \* "It is perfectly clear that a majority of all farmers are against it. Why should not the A.A.A. be willing to let farmers know the result of that referendum?" (15602\*)

T O B A C C O

Editorials - Pro

- (3) The squawk of non-signers.  
DURHAM, N.C. HERALD. I. 10/8. A hundred or more Guilford county tobacco growers who declined to go along with the A.A.A. in its crop control scheme are complaining against the 25 percent tax the Kerr Tobacco Bill imposes upon non-signers. \* \* \* Whether or not the Kerr act is to be continued for another year is soon to be put before the growers for decision. If we were growing tobacco we would vote in favor of continuance, because it likely means better prices and whoever grows tobacco wants the highest price he can get. (854438)

- (4) Tobacco control.  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 10/13. Because of a combination of circumstances, this has been one of the happiest years the tobacco farmer has spent since the turn of the century. (15613\*)

News Column - Con

- (5) Piedmont farmers organize for fight on tobacco levy.  
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. JOURNAL. I. 10/10. Organization of the Piedmont Tobacco Non-Tax Association for an attack upon the constitutionality of the Kerr-Smith control act was perfected at a mass meeting of farmers at Wallburg. (253316)



## C O T T O N

### Editorials

(1) If it be permanent.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 10/5. \* \* \* If the loss of the foreign market proves to be permanent, agriculture in the cotton states will have been revolutionized. \* \* \* Necessarily the Southern army of the unemployed will remain without employment until other work for Southern hands can be discovered. (854415)

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(2) Caught in own trap.

YORK, PA. DISPATCH. IR. 10/10. The Bankhead cotton control plan might have succeeded if nature had behaved as it was expected to do. But nature didn't, and we see Senator Bankhead persuading the Secy of Agri. to suspend certain parts of the Act which the Senator wrote. \* \* \* The next time they are confronted with a proposal similar to the Bankhead scheme, they may think a little longer before giving it their approval, and where nature is a possible factor in the matter they may remember the vagaries to which she is often subject. But if they have learned their lesson, the price may not be too high. (855612)

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(3) Farmers and the Bankhead law.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. CITIZEN. D. 10/11. \* \* \* The cotton situation is very much better than it was in that we have gotten rid of the American surplus which hung over the market and raised the price of American cotton. But the cotton problem has not been solved. We are, indeed, only now in position to attack it constructively. (855611)

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## G R A I N

### News Columns

(4) Alberta urges Dominion rule of grain trade.

CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 10/4. (Edmonton) Premier asks Ottawa to name control board; could adopt Chicago system for time. (15592\*)

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(5) Canada wheat is center of world battle.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 10/5. (Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 4) What is pictured in some quarters as a giant struggle between the world wheat interests is taking place on the Winnipeg grain exchange. Government officials believe that at last the tide has turned and buyers are no longer in a position to determine the price they will pay for wheat. The "buyers' market" which has prevailed for the last five years has become a "sellers' market" is the belief expressed by those officials. (15593\*)

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## SUGAR

### News Columns

(1) Sugar beet industry doomed.  
CHEYENNE, WYO. STATE TRIBUNE. R. 10/7. (Sheridan, Wyo. Oct. 7) Sugar  
beet industry doomed unless Jones act is repealed. (253275)

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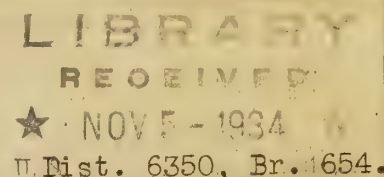
(2) Cuba disappointed on sale of sugar.  
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 10/5. Total disposed of at special price is far  
below what the producers had expected. (15594\*)

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Editorials

(1) Why not be for it?

ELIZABETH, N. J. JOURNAL. R. 10/15. \* \* \* Let us have a poll of consumers to see whether they support the corn-hog elimination and price-raising program. (856815)

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(2) Improved farm status.

BUTTE, MONT. STANDARD. D. 10/14. \* \* \* There seems little doubt that the farmer is momentarily on a more favorable footing, but before he can tear up mortgages all industrial activity must be placed upon more stable foundations. (856831)

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(3) Crop control vote.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS. IR. 10/11. \* \* \* If the A.A.A. is making a fair campaign for its plan, and obtaining a fair reflection of all farm sentiment, it is doing the right thing, but it has raised serious doubts as to whether it is doing either. (866340)

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(4) Those wary farmers.

CHICAGO NEWS. I. 10/13. Farmers in the Middle West may be voting two to one in favor of continuance of the corn-hog program, but they are proving themselves exceedingly wary of any blanket contract for production control in 1936. \* \* \* Cash and organization have captured the corn-hog votes, but the unpopularity of the blanket contract for 1936 shows that the farmer still has his own ideas about the bright professors in Mr. Wallace's brain trust. (866341)

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(5) The vote for Santa Claus.

AKRON, O. BEACON JOURNAL. R. 10/11. Farmers of nine mid-western states including Ohio are rolling up a big majority for the proposal to continue the A.A.A. corn-hog and wheat restriction program. \* \* \* Consumers only know that through the medium of A.A.A. they are called upon to finance hog and crop restriction to the tune of a billion a year, and that the beneficiaries of this system of assessing Peter to pay Paul have voted to make it a permanent American institution. (856816)

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(6) Inconclusive vote.

SIOUX FALLS ARGUS-LEADER. R. 10/14. \* \* \* Actually there is a basis for the assumption that the A.A.A. is much less popular in South Dakota than its advocates would have us believe. In addition to those who voted directly against the A.A.A. and those who did not take advantage of an opportunity to register their approval, there are the farmers who refused to sign last spring and who did not participate in this vote. In a broad sense, it is more than a little unfortunate that the first year of the A.A.A. program should be a period of extreme drought. The drought has beclouded the determination of the actual influence of the A.A.A. on market prices. Quotations have advanced but

they would have gone up whether the A.A.A. had existed or not. Furthermore A.A.A. payments were made to farmers in acute drought areas where no crops were produced. This money represented a return the farmers would not have had if the A.A.A. had not been in existence. Their reaction this year and the reaction they might have in a normal crop year are factors to be considered. (856069)

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Editorials - Pro

(1) Farmers staying with control.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 10/14. \* \* \* The farmer decides that if he can get a 26 percent advance in 18 months he will submit a bit longer to control on the gamble that he will get the other 30 percent. And why shouldn't he? Is he to do a foolish thing and turn his back on the only promising help he had had in years? (866676)

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(2) What the New Deal has done for agriculture.

ATLANTA, GA. JOURNAL. D. 10/14. \* \* \* The New Deal is writing a Declaration of Independence for the country's long-suffering farm interests, and thus is fortifying the foundations of our economic life with fresh assurance and strength. (866348)

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(3) Secy Wallace's articles are well worth serious study.

JACKSON, MISS. CLARION LEDGER. D. 10/14. \* \* \* If you did not read Secy of Agri. Wallace's articles in recent issues of Colliers, particularly his "The Tyranny of Greed," it will be well worth your while to do so. \* \* \* You may not agree with all he says, even as many of us do not approve all his official actions. But his articles are the best answer to date to assaults on the New Deal. (856353)

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(4) The Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

ROANOKE, VA. TIMES. D. 10/14. \* \* \* Briefly, it may be said that the A.A.A. seeks a return to values lost. These values include one that everyone has conceded to be just and important--the farmer's right to make a living. They include another as fair, the city dweller's right to make a living, and a third, which is fundamental, that unless the farmer does make a living the city dweller will lose his. (856074)

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(5) Nature plays a hand.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. I. 10/17. \* \* \* It was not to be expected that the A.A.A. would be able to control the weather, and when farmers of the country were signing their crop control contracts with the Government, it could not be foreseen that searing drought would interfere with the well-laid plans over a large part of the country. \* \* \* They must chalk up to Nature, and not to the A.A.A., the cause of their dissatisfaction. That they realize this is so is indicated by the results being reported in the corn-hog referendum. (857555)



Editorials - Con

## (1) The American Tragedy.

DAILY ARGUS LEADER. R. 10/12. The United States today is speeding along a primrose path at the end of which yawns an abyss of destruction. If we do not change our ways, a frightful penalty will be exacted. \* \* \* The A.A.A. is another initialed agent of destruction. It promotes scarcity instead of abundance. Instead of trying to provide the rural areas with more industry, it encourages less. The future influence of its shortsighted policy is already becoming apparent. Our foreign markets for farm products are being permanently lost. The socialistic directors of the A.A.A. and allied agencies seem content to allow the American farmers to settle back into a mere subsistence era. (15623\*)

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## (2) Farmers in doubt.

SPOKANE SPOKESMAN REVIEW. IR. 10/9. Thousands of farmers are skeptical of the benefits that are promised under restricted production and processing taxes. \* \* \* It is a close issue among the farmers themselves, the supposed beneficiaries. It wouldn't be so close if the A.A.A. would put the question to the consumers. Their verdict against it would be substantially unanimous. (866675)

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## (3) New York is victim of the A.A.A.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. POST STANDARD. R. 10/12. The A.A.A. disbursements made public by the United States Dept. of Agri. will make the worthy citizens of New York state sit up and take notice. A total of \$294,810,000 in processing taxes has been distributed as crop reduction benefits to farmers since the policy was established. Of this amount, farmers in New York state have received \$64,135! (866355)

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## (4) Keep A.A.A. contracts binding.

SACRAMENTO, CAL. UNION. I. 10/9. What to do with 3,000 farmers who violated A.A.A. contracts, raised more grain than the agreements stipulated, is puzzling heads of the crop adjustment system at Washington. It's one of those situations that keeps politicians on edge in an election year. To crack down on the violators means trouble while to ignore them entirely is equally dangerous if not more so. (866686)

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## (5) The corn-hog referendum.

DAILY ARGUS LEADER. (Sioux Falls) R. 10/12. Prior to the vote among the farmers on the A.A.A. for 1935, meetings were held to outline the issues to them. One would assume that these gatherings would carry information on both sides of the question but apparently they were devoted solely to the endorsement of the A.A.A. Secy Wallace said he wanted an unprejudiced verdict, but his methods tended in the opposite direction. Before concluding though, that the majority opinion of the farmers favors the A.A.A. as it is now constituted, consideration must be given to the many contract signing farmers who did not vote and the many non-signers who were not allowed to vote. (15622\*)

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News Columns

(1) Improved farm conditions vital to prosperity.  
CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 10/19. (B.C.Forbes) (In the West).  
Riding hour after hour through farm lands--hundreds, thousands of unending miles--you realize afresh that, though we may have swung from a pastoral to a front-rank industrial nation, America's prosperity must depend in no small measure upon the condition of her vast agricultural population. (15633\*)

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(2) Canadian trade pushes forward.  
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 10/15. (New York) Fundamentals favorable for extension of recovery, survey reveals. (15639\*)

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News Columns - Pro

(3) Farmers paying bills promptly.  
WALL ST. JOURNAL. 10/22. (Chicago) Implement output increased--Mail orders' collections excellent. (15634\*)

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(4) Farm areas lead buying.  
KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 10/19. (New York, AP) The Dun and Bradstreet weekly trade review said that "The most vigorous forward step of the fall season was recorded this week in general trade movements." Reports from all parts of the country, asserted the review, called attention to the sharp increases in retail distribution, "particularly pronounced in the farm areas, where Government funds are being distributed at a constantly enlarging rate." (15635\*)

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(5) Week's gain in trade best of fall season.  
CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 10/20. (According to the Dun and Bradstreet trade review.) (15636\*)

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(6) Farmers' gains buoy clothiers.  
DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 10/15. When the farmer prospers everyone is better off. Exhibitors at the fall exposition of the Men's Apparel club of Iowa, now in session at Hotel Fort Des Moines, subscribe wholeheartedly to this Middle West axiom. (15637\*)

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(7) Interest in good farming land returns.  
DALLAS NEWS. D. 10/14. Investors realize better farms constitute good investment over period of years. (256707)

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(8) Few asking farm mortgage loans; crisis passes.  
KALAMAZOO, MICH. GAZETTE. I. 10/12. (Lansing.) The agricultural credit crisis in Michigan definitely has passed. So few applications for farm mortgage loans now are being received from farmers in this state that the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, which has jurisdiction over Michigan, has reduced its staff of appraisers to a mere skeleton. (257604).

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## (1) Farm outlook better.

EMPORIA, KANS. GAZETTE. R. 10/15. (Chicago, AP). Drought conditions which prevailed in Kansas last summer, through wiping out farm surpluses so that "real parity" may be attained, give promise of profitable years ahead for Kansas agriculture, J. C. Mohler, secy of the state board of agri. stated. \* \* \* "There seems to be a general feeling that this season's drought has done what would require the A.A.A. several years to accomplish." (15628\*)

## (2) Publishers score drought failures.

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 10/18. (Jefferson City, Mo. UP) Midwest newspapers launch campaign to offset report that farmers suffer. Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska newspaper publishers want it known that the recent drought did not bankrupt the Middle West. Associated dailies of those three states, and possibly Iowa, are launching an advertising and publicity campaign in eastern publications, newspapers and trade journals to offset reports that searing heat during July and August left farmers with no income. (15621\*)

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C O T T O N

Editorial - Pro

## (3) Cotton outlook.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. I. 10/12. \* \* \* The cotton farmer is certain that there will be some liberalizing of the A.A.A. restrictions, and that in itself, with details lacking, is cheerful news to our cotton planters and to our whole community. (866352)

Editorials - Con

## (4) Planned economy?

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. STANDARD-TIMES. I. 10/13. \* \* \* Our "Planned Economy" as it relates to cotton, has worked injury to American growers and manufacturers by curtailing foreign and domestic markets for both. (866691)

## (5) Declares Bankhead law unjust to small farmers.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 10/17. (To the Editor of the Gazette) When the Bankhead law was passed by a bunch of high-salaried senators, headed by one Bankhead of Alabama, he claimed that 95 percent of the cotton farmers were in favor of the bill. I have never heard of but two cotton farmers in this county who received a questionnaire and they were the largest cotton farmers we have here. The small cotton farmer who raises from three to 30 bales never had a chance to express his opinion, as well as 2,000,000 others scattered over the Southern states. \* \* \* We little fellows must have relief. (A Little Cotton Farmer, Arkadelphia, Ark.) (15624\*)



News Column - Pro

- (1) Cotton rise aided by foreign buying.  
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 10/17. (15629\*)

News Column \* Con

- (2) Other nations expand cotton growing areas.  
DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 10/20. (By Victor H. Schoffelmayer, Agri. Editor of THE NEWS). Brazil, China, Argentina and several minor countries aid substantially to total. Commerce Department reports from foreign agents show threat. Recent statements about foreign cotton expansion by two Government agencies, one the United States Department of Agriculture, the other the Department of Commerce, are in conflict. (15640\*)
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S U G A RNews Columns - Con

- (3) Sugar quota plan faces overthrow.  
DENVER POST. I. 10/11. (15630\*)
- (4) Wrathful protests made by sugar beet growers over acreage reduction.  
IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. (Boise) 10/15. From Idaho's sugar beet country went up a wrathful cry as the full import of the Administration's order transferring 12,000 acres of sugar beet land in Idaho to California sank home. \* \* \* Senator Borah branded the move as the first step in the Administration's plan to eliminate the sugar beet industry entirely. (15627\*)
- (5) Borah on warpath over beet quota.  
DENVER POST. I. 10/18. (15631\*)
- (6) Stephan makes statement.  
IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. (Boise). 10/15. (Special to THE STATESMAN) (Moscow) Informed of the action to take 12,000 acres of sugar beet quota from Idaho and turn it over to California, Frank L. Stephan, Republican candidate for Governor, issued the following statement from Moscow. "This astounding connivance of the Secy of Agri. to rob Idaho of 12,000 acres of her profitable sugar beet industry must be fought to the last ditch. Sugar beet cultivation has developed into one of our state's most profitable industries; we must protect it at all costs." (15636\*)



- (1) Price collapse in sugar likely.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 10/21, (Wash. AP) American refiners refuse to meet terms of Cuban monopoly. A threatened price collapse in sugar that might jeopardize the whole future of Administration legislation respecting that commodity today drew attention of A.A.A. officials in lengthy conferences. (15632\*)

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D A I R Y

Editorial

- (2) District milk situation.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 10/16. \* \* \* The need of the day is not to elevate prices so that milk may be beyond the pocketbook of the average man, woman and child, but to produce and distribute milk in a way to encourage more extensive consumption. (866689)

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News Column - Pro

- (3) Dairy farmers' income grows.

IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. (Boise) 10/15. Farm Administration attributes price rise to Federal regulation. (15626\*)

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MISCELLANEOUS

Editorial

- (4) Colorado sugar and livestock being internationalized.

DENVER POST. I. 10/12. Colorado sugar and Colorado livestock are being internationalized in a thoroughly one-sided and destructive manner. For the benefit of Cuba the sugar beet growers of Colorado are being peonized under the Simon Legree tactics of Secy Wallace and his A.A.A. For the benefit of South American cattle raisers--whom we owe nothing that we ever heard of--Colorado livestock men are being run out of business by means of tariff agreements that make canned South American meat cheaper to buy in Colorado than the local product. (15638\*)

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